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# GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

*Serial Nos.* Four.

**Part B for** January March 1924

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SUBJECT

Letter from Mr. K. S. Ranjundaiya, Hunsur Leg Line Council Member in regard to the posting of le ger prisoners, to their relatives and friends abt st sh

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J. Dept 4173-4-23-1-24. Notice of Prisons Comptroller

Copy to Mr Ranjun

States limits in modification of the present rule of sending letters through the police Agency may be sent by post at the cost of the prisoner concerned or free in the case of poor prisone

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## Routine Notes.

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Sirs.

1) This letter appears to be a general observation of specific cases which, action may be taken to remedy the defect if any. Such letters as appear to the Supdt of the Rockets offices to be in any way improper are withheld & every facility is afforded to the Postmaster for writing letters as per rules contained in the Postal Guide for the use of members.

2) The member may perhaps be asked to give specific instances & till then no change of rules seems called for.

3) Are there any rules in the Postal Guide Manual about letters to persons with [illegible] If please post up. Any

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G.R.S. III—3] Paris 51-23.

## Routine Notes.

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which certain may be
taken to remedy the
defect - if any. Such
as appear to the Supt
the Packing officers to be
in any way unsatisfactory
are withheld & every
facility is afforded
the postmen for writing
letters &c as per rules
contained in the Parcel
Code of Manuals.

2) The members may
be shown the cancelled
nine specific instances
& till then no change
of rules seems called
for.

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3) Are there any
rules in the Code
Manual about letters
parcels which provide ? If
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## ROUTINE NOTES.

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letter no: 1895/83.22 dated 6-11-25 from the Dy. Govt. intimating the practice prevailing regarding the despatch of letters written by prisoners and stating that he has no objection to allow the prisoners sending letters on Govt. service free of postage.

Submitted for perusal & orders.

8) Perhaps in cases where service labels have to be affixed prisoners issued for the transmission of letters, the cost of which labels may be recovered from the prisoners, instead of at Govt. expense. as suggested by Cs. Ms 12/11/25 the Superintendent

9) Mr. Narayandas's proposal may be accepted in respect of letters to which the Jail authorities take no exception - In the case of

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ROUTINE NOTES.

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letters which they are permitted to write at stated intervals, their letters may be sent on Govt service through post, as suggested by the Govt of Assam.

In the case of other letters which the prisoners may wish to write, to lawyers or friends, on other occasions, urgently, the ~~[illegible]~~ postal charges may be levied from them, as suggested by Mr. Nanjundiah. Charging for every letter may be a great hardship to those who cannot afford to pay.

and for orders

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7/6/11

As Govt of Assam has no objection, the prisoners may be allowed to write letters at Govt's discretion

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First member

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(12) cag 9.11

What is the practice in British India - whether their postal charges are remitted?

Sec'y

24/11

cag 24.11

N. B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips the notes must be cipoed, or slips pasted on this form.

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Subd 13) From the wording of rules 438 & 439 of the Madras Jail Manual it has to be inferred that the postal charges on account of letters & appeals written by prisoners in jail - have to be borne by the jail depts;

14) on that analogy - letters addressed in Burma, may perhaps be booked on Govt. Service or Service paid - as the case may be, the Jail authorities being empowered to frank such communications - so that the postal authorities may not later object.

Recd 1.12.23 15) In the case of letters now sent, by the Jail authorities to the magistrates, & believe, they are sent on Govt. Service. Please verify & put up as also Madras Jail Manual.

Yes

16) Subd. It is ascertained by telephone that letters pertaining to convicts undertrials are sent on Govt. Service & that relating to civil prisoners are sent postage paid at the cost of parties.

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The Madras Jail Manual
Committee Remarks.

Secs 5/12/25 17) In many
instances of the prisoners are sent
through post, the postage being borne
by the Jail Deptt. (Vide rules 438
& 439 of the Madras Jail Manual Printed
In the Central Jail Bangalore, it is
ascertained, that the limited number
of letters to be allowed to convicts and
undertrials, are sent on Govt service,
Probably because, they are addressed
to the magistrate of the taluk concerned
Civil prisoners bear their own postal
Charges. Postal authorities, have
no Chance of taking exception as
the letters are addressed to the a
Magistrate (viz) Amildar. If the
suggestion of Mr. Narayandra is to be
given effect to, the letters must have
to be addressed to private individuals &
the postal authorities may Certainly
question the practice, if the letters are
sent on Govt service. Either The
Deptt Should bear the cost of the
postage as suggested by Mr Narayandra,
or letters sent on Govt Service like the
authorities object on finding out the
real State of affairs. Hence the

General and Revenue Secretariat.

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18) From rule 438, it is clear that the Dept bears the Cost. It may perhaps be advisable to follow the procedure in Mysore

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First number.

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The Madras rules may be adopted but cost being met from savings at the credit of the prisoners in the Bangalore Mysore jails - the District Lock ups the labour charges should be met from Cost 15 Each prisoner. If more labour can be spared they should be at their cost.

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20) Draft forwarded for consideration.

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21) Please see my reference to Madras rules. It is better to maintain the practice obtg. The charges in question for Cost, when a

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22) Revised Rules submit for consideration as proposed. 23) Issue
Copy sent
4/11/24
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24 To The Superintendent
" Comptroller
Secret. 417 3-49 25.1.24

States that in modification of the present practice of sending letters through the police Agency, they may be transmitted by post at the Cost of the prisoners Concerned or free in the Case of poor prisoners.

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ber, Legislative Council.

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Hassan, 4th October 1

The Secretary,

Mysore Legislative Council,

B a n g a l o r e.

Sir,

I have the honor to bring to your notice that when under-trial or convicted Prisoners wish to write letters to their relatives or friends, such letters are s
Officers in the respective Taluks for de
concerned. If so happens that when the
pending cases, the Police Officers entru
of such letters either threaten the addr
or deliver them when it is too late and
false endorsements made by addressees th
ability to attend to the requisition or otherwise. In important cases or in the case of helpless persons of less influence or less education, the consequences of such a course of transmission are very unfortunate.

I therefore suggest that Government may be pleased to look into the matter and grant permission for such communications being sent by post or Registered post, at the cost of prisoners themselves, if need be, to the addressees, and save them from the consequences of malpractices on the part of the Police who are themselves the Prosecutors and are often only too zealous about their cases.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

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No. P 22/9/Secl

Date of issue 22/10/23

To

Mr E. G. Woodhouse Esq

Signed by Mr. C. A. S.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of letter dated 4.10.23 received from Mr N. S. Nanjundiah and to enquire the practice prevailing now with regard to the delivery of letters, whether they are delivered through the agency of the Police or Village Post, and to request you to investigate the matter alluded to in Mr Nanjundiah's letter with your own views on the subject ~~in connection with the D.O. quoted~~ at early date is requested

over.

Yours &c

Cash 21/10

L. L. L. Lee

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No. 1825/83-23 Office of the Inspector-General of Prisons in Mysore,

Dated Bangalore, 6th November 1923.

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From

Dr. B. Mahomed Usman, L.M.& S.,

Ag. Inspector-General of Prisons in Mysore, Bangalore.

To

B. Nagarpa Esqr., Bar-At-Law,

Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Local and Legislat Departments, Bangalore.

Sir,

Adverting to your letter No.P.2210/- dated the 22nd ultimo, requesting to investigate and report the matter alluded to in Mr. C. Nanjundiah's letter re: the delivery of letters written by prisoners to their relatives or friends, I have the honour to state that it has always been the practice, to send the letters to the Magistrate of the Taluk, in which the addressee s reside. The Mag strates cause them to be delivered through Police Agency, as they are more familiar, with the whereabouts of the relations of prisoners.

2. I have no objection to allow the prisoners to write on Government Service subject, to their relatives and friends as all letters are censored by the Jail authorities, but this privilege cannot be abused by the prisoners, by writing numerous letters as they can only correspond at stated intervals.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Ag. Inspector-General of Prisons.

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Date of issue 25-1-24

Signed by. Mrs. C. Nalini Chanin

**Section** Pri

**File No.** 31-

**Serial No.** 1

*Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.*

*Read*—

letter no nil, dated 6.10.23 from Mr. N. Narayanaiah, Chairman Legislative Committee Inam Kasaba, requesting for necessary Notification that permission may be granted to prisoners for sending communications addressed by them & their relatives friends & legal advisers by registered post at the cost of the prisoners instead of through the Police Agency.

Connected papers and

Letter no: 1825-83-23 dated

Order Thereon No.

6.11.23 from the Dy. of Pris. on the subject and stating that he has no objection to allow the prisoners to write on their own account direct to their friends relatives & legal advisers, as all letters are censored by the authorities. But

May this be

i Printed ?

ii treated as a standing order ? -

iii published in the Gazette, English Part ?

iv translated ?

v placed at the disposal of the press ?

vi published in the Gazette, Kannada Part ?

reporting to Whitehall such
correspondence as from
them at stated intervals

Order No. P/4173 4/Pris 51-23-4.

On a careful consideration
of the subject, I am pleased to
direct that in modification
the present practice of sending
letters to the Magistrate of the District
in which the addressees reside
for being delivered through the
Police Agency, they may be allowed to
receive and forward at the cost
of the parties concerned. Receipts of such
postage charges will be rendered from the
Savings, if any, at the credit of the
Institution in the B.C. & Nyasa Jails
or paid for by them. But to avoid
any such in the case of persons who
have no savings at their credit or who
cannot afford to pay such postal charges
will be borne by the Govt. Dept.

In district and Taluk Lock-ups
a letter may be allowed to be written by each
male prisoner and posted
free of cost to them at the discretion
of the Lock up officer, who should not
stop the letter and inspect its contents.

List of enclosures.

Copied by

Examined by

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